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	<i>Inventor(s)</i>	Nelson et al.
	<i>Serial Number</i>	09/851,596
	<i>Filing Date</i>	May 8, 2001

As an inventor named below or on any attached continuation page, I hereby declare that:
 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FRICTION STIR WELDING USING A SUPERABRASIVE TOOL

the specification of which:

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on May 8, 2001 as United States application Serial No. 09/851,596 and was amended on _____
- was filed on _____ as PCT international application No. _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with § 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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Priority Claimed:

Prior foreign/PCT application(s):

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or under 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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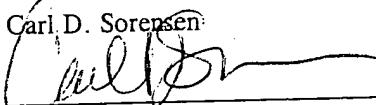
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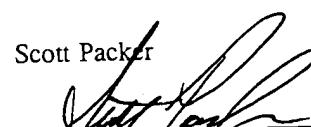
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